

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method according to claim [[+]]21, wherein, ~~said third data field further comprises said provisional tariff; said the ticket further includes comprises~~ a display element for displaying information[[+]], and ~~said the method further includes comprises~~ the step of[[+]] displaying ~~said the updated shadow account balance and said the provisional tariff on said the display.~~

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2, wherein, ~~said the ticket further includes comprises a display[[+]], and said the method further includes comprises~~ the step of[[+]] broadcasting a fifth data field so as to cause tickets located within a range of ~~said the broadcasting to display said the provisional tariff and said the updated shadow account balance on said the display.~~

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method according to claim 3, wherein, ~~said the step of broadcasting is performed from at~~

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least one transmitter to a plurality of areas defining at least one of a boarding zone and a passageway zone.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method according to claim 3, wherein, wherein said the tickets are located within said the areas.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

transmitting said the updated actual modified account balance to said the ticket; and

replacing said the shadow account balance with said the actual modified account balance.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to claim 6, wherein said the steps of transmitting said the updated actual modified account balance and replacing said the shadow account balance are performed periodically.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2, wherein said the ticket further comprisesincludes an actuating actuation element[[+]], and said the method further comprisesincludes the step of[[÷]] setting at least one of a

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registered service and charging-related parameters by means of
said-the using actuation element.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8,
wherein said-the ticket comprises-further includes an on/off
switch.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to claim
3, wherein said-the ticket further comprisesincludes an
actuating-actuation element[+], and said-the method further
comprising-includes the step of[+] setting at least one of a
registered service and charging-related parameters by means of
using the said-actuation element.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to claim
10, wherein said-the ticket comprises-further includes an
on/off switch.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to claim
2, wherein:

the second information units further include an said third
data field comprises-and-indication of said-the shadow account
balance; and

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~~said-a computer is functionally associated with said-the transceiver;~~

~~and-the method further comprising including the steps of:~~

~~transmitting said-the shadow account balance to said-the computer associated with the transceiver;~~

~~comparing said balance of said-the shadow account with said the provisional tariff; and~~

~~displaying an identifier of a ticket having a shadow account balance less than said-the provisional tariff.~~

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method according to claim 3, wherein:

~~the second information units further include an third data field comprises and indication of said-the shadow account balance; and~~

~~said-a computer is functionally associated with said-the transceiver;~~

~~and-the method further comprising including the steps of:~~

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transmitting said-the shadow account balance to said-the computer associated with the transceiver;

comparing said-the balance of said-the shadow account with said-the provisional tariff; and

displaying an identifier of a ticket having a shadow account balance less than said-the provisional tariff.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2, wherein saidthe step of storing is limited to fields identifying saidthe ticket.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method according to claim 14, wherein saidthe step of storing further ~~comprises~~includes the step of assigning a plurality of fields identifying saidthe ticket to a one of said-the ticket accounts.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to claim 3, wherein saidthe step of storing is limited to fields identifying saidthe ticket.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method according to claim 16, wherein saidthe step of storing further ~~comprises~~includes

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the step of assigning a plurality of fields identifying
~~said~~the ticket to a one of ~~said~~the ticket accounts.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2, wherein the posting step is ~~said steps of posting are~~ dependent upon at least one of:

a value of the sum of specific postings~~said actual tariff,~~

the time of the recorded timing of said service, and

the nature of the recorded type of service.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method according to claim 3, wherein the posting step is ~~said steps of posting are~~ dependent upon at least one of:

a value of the sum of specific postings~~said actual tariff,~~

the time of the recorded timing of said service, and

the nature of the recorded type of service.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method according to claim 2, wherein ~~said~~the computer is functionally associated with a

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database, said-the database comprising including data records identifying said-the tickets, said-the data records being periodically updated so as to indicate an updated actual account balance and ticket usage status.

Claim 21 (new): A method of recording and billing for a service, the recorded service relating to the ticket being in a recording zone assigned to the service, the ticket including a storage device and a communication device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a shadow account on the ticket;

transmitting first information units from a transceiver located in the recording zone to the ticket, the first information units including an identification of the service and of a provisional tariff unit;

updating a shadow account balance stored in the storage device of the ticket, using the provisional tariff unit communicated to the ticket in the first information units, thereby generating an updated shadow account balance;

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transmitting second information units from the ticket to the transceiver, the second information units including information about the location and identity of the ticket;

adding date and time information to the second information units so as to generate modified second information units at the transceiver;

transmitting the modified second information units to a remote computer at times that are independent of the transmission of the first and second information signals, the remote computer being in communication with a storage medium containing information of an account associated with the identity of the ticket; and

posting information relating to the recorded service derived using actual tariff units to the account associated with the identity of the ticket, thereby generating an updated actual account balance.